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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. VICE PRESIDENT JULIO ASTACIO WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON
THIS COMING SUNDAY AUGUST 28. HE HOPES TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS
WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, SALVADORAN EMBASSY, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. IN
ARA HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES SHELTON, DEVINE AND ARELLANO,
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WADE MATTHEWS AND SALVADORAN
DESK OFFICER ELEANOR HICKS, HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR PATRICIA
DERIAN AND IF IT WERE POSSIBLE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.
HE ALSO WISHES TO VISIT WITH AID OFFICIALS INCLUDING MR. ABELARLO
L. VALDEZ AND DR. R.T. RAVENHOLT. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM
MONDAY AM TO ABOUT FRIDAY NOON WHEN HE PLANS TO GO TO BOSTON
TO VISIT OLD FRIENDS THERE. HE WOULD UTILIZE MONDAY AND TUESLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAY FOR VISITS WITH FRIENDS AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL WHERE
HE SERVED ON THE MEDICAL STAFF FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND FOR OTHER
APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE THE US GOVERNMENT TO BE ARRANGED BY SALVADORAN EMBASSY. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CALLS IN ARA WILL
PROBABLY BE ARRANGED THRUSDAY AFTERNOON AND FRIDAY MORNING,
BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CALLS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND
AID WEDNESDAY IF FEASIBLE AND EVEN MONDAY OR TUESDAY IF THE OPPORT-

UNITY OCCURS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SALVADORAN DESK KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SALVADORAN EMBASSY.

- 2. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON WAS ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER RECEIPT OF SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR BERTRAND-GALINDO'S REPORT ON HIS TALKS WITH PATRICIA DERIAN AND FRANK DEVINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR AND PENDING IDB LOAN. HIS MISSION WILL BE TO TELL ABOUT STEPS TAKEN AND PLANNED BY GOES TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR, TO DISCUSS SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IN GENERAL, AND SPECIFICALLY POPULATION PROGRAMS AND LOANS BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. HE WILL BE OPEN TO FRANK DISCUSSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY USG. HE WOULD HOPE AFTER THESE DISCUSSIONS TO HELP PREPARE PRESIDENT ROMERO FOR ANY DISCUSSIONS HE MIGHT HOLD IN WASHINGTON ON OCCASION VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEEK AND CERTAINLY WILL BRIEF HIM IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE TWO VISITS.
- 3. SINCE VICE PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING INTO AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN GOVERNMENT WITH TASK OF INTERGRATING VARIOUS MINISTRY PROGRAMS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO PROVIDE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUITFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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